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In re Application of:)
Dirk Herke) Examiner: A. Berhane
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which accompanied the Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced patent application.

To the extent that the Examiner has paraphrased the claims rather than referring to the claim language itself, Applicant notes that it is the claim language and permissible equivalents thereof, and not the Examiner's characterization of the claims, which is intended to define the scope of the invention.

Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that the allowability of the claims does not hinge on isolated elements

thereof. Rather, the claims are believed to be patentable because, when viewed as a whole, they define subject matter that is neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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